**Lubes blending agreement between IOC and Raaj-Unocal Ltd.**

2559. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 187 and 2370 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1994 and 21st December, 1994 respectively and state:

(a) what was the blending free for Lubes in Indian Oil Blending Ltd. Plant before signing the contract with M/s. Raaj Unocal Ltd.

(b) what were the reasons for giving a higher blending fee of Rs. 1120/- per KL to a private party;

(c) what were the sales figures of the lubricant in Northern Region for the year 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94;

(d) what were the. month-wise sales figure of the lubricant after the award of contract to M/s. Raaj Unocal Ltd.; and

(e) how much production has to be decreased in the IOBL plants of IOC and the blending plant of Madras, after the award of the above contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The blending fee for Lubes in Indian Oil Blending Ltd. Plant before signing the contract with M/s. Raaj Unocal Ltd. was Rs. 400/- per KL.

(b) The blending fee is fixed taking into account various factors like return on investment, depreciation and variable expenditure apart from cost comparison with other private blenders and investment cost etc. It is also subject to escalation/de-escalation clause.

(c) The sales figures of the lubricants in Northern Region for the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 were 101 TMT, 83 TMT and 78 TMT respectively.

(d) The month-wise sales figures of lubricants in the Northern Region after the award of contract of M/s. Raaj Unocal Ltd. and commissioning of their plant in July, 1994 are as under:—

| Month | Qty. (In MT) |
|---|---|
| July, 94 | 6437 |
| August, 94 | 5675 |
| September, 94 | 6222 |
| October, 94 | 8350 |
| November, 94 | 6763 |
| December, 94 | 7189 |
| January, 95 | 6737 |
| February, 95 | 7649 |

(e) There is no reduction in the production of IOBL plants and the IOC plant at Madras after the award of the above contract to M/s. Raaj Unocal Ltd.

**Procurement of 3-D Seismic Equipment by Oil India Limited**

2560. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 181, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the price was negotiated with both the International tenderers, i.e. M/s GECO Schlumberger, USA and M/s. CGG Pan India for processing of 3-D seismic data;

(b) what was the total value of bids by the above tenderers at the time of opening the tender;

(c) whether the above bid was in Indian currency or in US dollars; and

(d) what was the rate per shot for the contract awarded to M/s. CGG Pan India for processing 72.72 sq. Kms. of 3-D seismic data in the Hapjan Block under Oil India Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The prices were